

Skits High Point of Thespian Initiation

Twenty-one new members were initiated into the National Thespian Society on January 15, 1963.

The new members are the following: Sid Disbrow, Tari Thompson, Pam Cuthbert, Diane Fidler, Maureen McGinley, Gail Peterson, Ruth Ann Wescott, Judy Hawley, Paul Hamilton, Richard Stribley,

Bob Cornish, Mike Phillips, Carolyn Dempsey, Betsy Daschner, Sue Davis, Dan Nissly, Julia Moore, George Ridenour, Elaine Graichen, Janet Horning Nancy Thorold, and Steve Burke.

Sussanne Wright, president, gave a brief history of the society. Following the formal procedure skits were present-

ed by the new members. The skits centered on themes like, "Here's Hollywood," "Tarzen," "Little Boy Blue", and "Little Miss Muffet."

An impersonation of one of the teachers by Julia Moore, a junior, really brought the house down.

Another popular one was put on by Betsy Daschner, Janet Horning, Mike Milford, and Sid Disbrow. The boys were on the receiving end of a shaving cream pie.

Refreshments and music were provided after the skits.

YHS Students Help Balfour Company in Famous Passion Play

Townpeople and some Ypsi High students combined with professional actors to present a nationally acclaimed production of the Passon Play in our auditorium last week. The two and one half hour performances enacted the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

Val Balfour, who directed the small professional troupe, impersonated Christ. Ann Kelley Balfour enacted the part of Mary Magdalene, a firm be-

liever and true friend of Christ.

Howard Marshal portrayed Judas, the betrayer, and Dylan Ross was one of the dignified high priests, whose aim was to condemn Jesus to death. John Heald played the role of Pontius Pilate, the great Roman ruler.

The parts of several of the apostles and other minor characters were played by Ypsilanti High School students. Some of our students worked back stage on sound and lighting.

A beautiful scene of the Nativity of Christ was the fitting prologue to the scenes from his later life. Beginning with the Sermon on the Mount, the Passon Play took its spectators through the dramatic scene of the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the Betrayal of Jesus, the Trial before the High Priests, to the Condemnation to Death, and the climax scenes of the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

The miles of air over our heads only exert about fifteen pounds per square inch pressure.

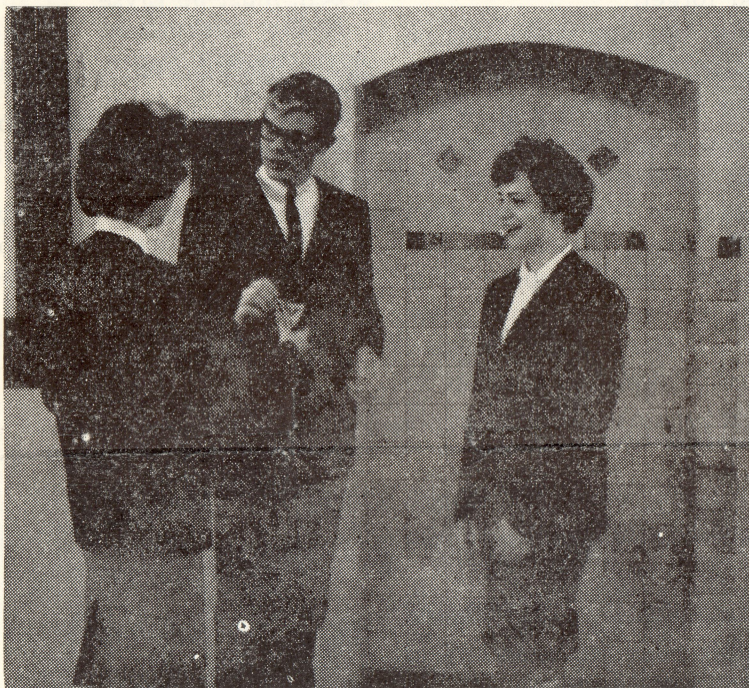
This experiment broke the school record of 24 feet set by Ron Loper two years ago.



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All of a sudden last Tuesday a whole lot of people appeared in the halls of YHS wearing identical jackets. The three (left) were found talking at the SENIOR Fountain. The jackets are olive green sharkskin with two brass buttons at the front and two on each sleeve. Some of them had a black and gold three dimensional emblem on the pocket. There sure are a lot of them around. It must be a new FAD or something. (There are a couple of hints in there.)

Just for a Drink?

Have you ever had trouble getting milk through a soggy straw? Quit complaining and take lessons from Mr. Bohn's physics classes.

Steve Burke and Dennis Allward of the third hour class, and Mike Emerich of the seventh hour class on separate occasions each stretched their lungs to draw milk straight up twenty-eight feet through a glass "straw"! Glass tubes connected with rubber hoses were snaked up through a stair well of Ypsi High to the third floor.

Over twenty pounds per square inch of pressure was developed by the boys' lungs.

Student Teachers Rate High at YHS

Each semester some YHS classes have, in addition to regular teachers, student teachers from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan. With their enthusiasm and new ideas, most of them rate very highly with the students of YHS. Here are some interesting notes on a few of those who have been with us this semester.

Minister Teaches Advanced Math

Mr. White, who is Mr. Helvey's student teacher for this semester, is doing his student teaching from Eastern Michigan University.

Teaching will not be a full time profession for him, though he will probably do some substituting. His real profession is the ministry, and he is now at The Church of God on Ridge Road.

Of his experience at Ypsi High he says, "I've enjoyed it." The students who have seen the devilish smile on his

face when he assigns fifteen problems on unity circles to his trig class are quite sure that he does.



Wedding Bells for Student Teacher and Alum

Wedding bells chimed for Miss Barbara Parker, a student teacher in the morning art classes, and J. Michael Davison three weeks ago.

The new Mrs. Davison, one of the very attractive sites around our building, helped the art classes make the

Christmas decorations displayed downtown. She will complete her schooling at the U of M at the end of this month. She will then join her husband in San Francisco where he is stationed with the Army.

J. Mike, an alumnus of YHS, is the originator of the Sem favorite, "Heap of the Week."

After graduation from Ypsi, Mike went on to the University of Michigan, where he received a B.S. degree from the School of Architecture and Design.

Spends Hours on All-School Play

Miss Janet Watson, a dramatics major at the University of Michigan, is currently student teaching in Miss Iseminger's morning English and dramatics classes.

One of Miss Watson's favorite pastimes is playing the violin, although she does not have much time for practicing. This might be attributed to the All-School Play which kept her at the school every

evening for about four weeks. She loves drama and English and feels that you can learn a great deal about life through their beauty.

When asked her opinion of Ypsi High, Miss Watson replied, "I like it." She said she especially liked the close relationship she shared with her students. The spirit and enthusiasm her English and drama classes showed added interest to her classes and helped her to enjoy teaching.

All of the kids in Miss Iseminger's classes will miss Miss Watson next semester when she finishes her student teaching program.

Takes Teaching Over Radio & TV

Miss Weiner is a speech major at the University of Michigan and Mrs. Horst's student teacher.

Last summer she worked at WOOD-TV in Grand Rapids, her home-town. She now

works at WUOM-TV at the University of Michigan. Radio and television study is a large part of her work at the UM, but Miss Weiner says, "I like teaching much better." She has also been a camp counselor and camp pianist for two years.

Miss Weiner hopes that as a teacher she will be able to help her students grow not only academically but personally as well. She hopes that they will learn to write and converse better, and be more prepared for college and important events in their lives.



Roving Reporter

We Really 'Impressed' Passion Play Cast!

by Tina Bjornstad

For those who didn't attend the opening matinee of the "Passion Play" so generously put on for us, I must tell you what happened.

I found out an extremely eye-opening little fact you will be interested in. I never realized before how religious the kids in the Ypsilanti school district are. I would have said that 75 per cent of them bought tickets just to get out of school, but I would have been drastically wrong! The reason I know this is because of the utter silence that prevailed during the entire performance.

It's funny but once or twice I heard a sound that normally would have been mistaken for gum-cracking, but of course that's ridiculous. In fact, it seemed to go on continuously throughout the whole play

but I know it must have been something haywire in the heating system or else the windows were creaking or something.

Anyhow I'd like to comment on the music used. It was all very nice and appropriate except for one piece. This may seem odd but in it they used a strange type of drum I've never heard before. Actually it sounded like hand-clapping but of course that couldn't be.

They did another thing in this play that I think is a wonderful new idea. It was having some of the players in the audience to groan at various times and even to yell comments. Isn't that a refreshing change? And at the beginning and just before the intermission these players were told to whistle and yell. Brilliant script writing!

To sum this up, we should be very proud of the impression we left of the Ypsilanti School District on this professional group. I'm sure they will want to come back and do it again soon.

Clip Joint



(The Clip Joint will be a regular feature from now on. It will include interesting notes which appear in other high school papers that we receive on our exchange program.)

No. Hagerstown High School Hagerstown, Maryland

French Club members are raising money in various ways to help finance a trip to Quebec.

James Blair High School Williamsburg, Virginia

The senior class recently raffled off a portable stereo hi-fi in order to raise money for its senior trip.

Las Vegas High School Las Vegas, Nevada

A recent fad at Las Vegas High is surfing. Since the nearest beach is 300 miles away, skateboards, which are narrow boards with roller skate wheels attached, are used.

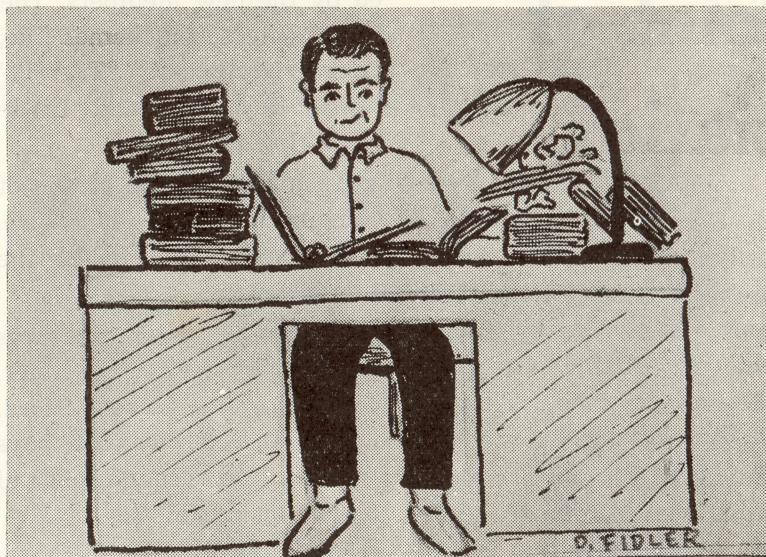
Ramapo Regional High School Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

An Ugly Man contest was recently held at Ramapo. The winner of the contest was disguised by a horn in the middle of his forehead, a turban, and false creases.

Girls at Ramapo, who go with members of the football team wear football spikes dangling from a chain around their necks.

Manatee High School Bradenton, Florida

Letters are awarded at Manatee for scholarship as well as athletics.



Rewards or Regrets?

by Maureen McGinley

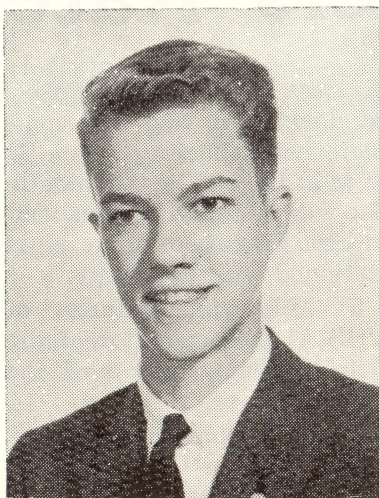
All good things must come to an end. Regardless of whether this semester brought good or bad, it will soon be ending. Sights of this termination are evident throughout the entire school. Faces have taken on a worried look as students begin to realize that exams will be held soon. Teachers are staging the period of review, that is so necessary to remind us to study. As if we could forget!

The only ray of hope is that with this end there will be only about five months of school left. Yet even this brings about mixed emotions, especially for the Seniors.

To some this climaxes four (or more) long years of study. Those students not yet ready to meet the challenge of the outside world do not want to see this end come. It will bring them to facing their unpreparedness. The exact opposite is felt by those who have used every semester as a stepping stone to bigger and better things. They are ready to face their future with an open mind. All Seniors realize that everyone will be going their separate ways, some never to be seen or heard of again. This spreads a nostalgic atmosphere over the class.

Underclassmen know what the majority have experienced. Each individual knows if this adjustment has helped or hindered his scholastic record.

A lot can still happen in five months. Everyone should make a firm resolution to make this next semester one of purpose. It just could turn out to be the best one of your high school years.



Personality Spotlight

As president of the Honor Society, Paul Hamilton has lead this organization in their civic endeavors in donating a

He is also a member of Debate, Student Council, JCL, A'Cappella, the YHS Marching and Concert Band. He is president of the band and a Thespian. Paul is also a Senior editor for this years Yearbook.

Paul plans to attend the medical school at the University of Michigan.

His hobbies are of all kinds. First on the list are GIRLS! He also enjoys playing tennis. Several sources report that he is pretty good, too. Paul also finds time to work on photography.

Guess Who!

John Wicht — She's not laughing, she's crying. There's no back seat.

Diane Edwards—Um! I like those double buckle shoes.

Paula Miller — I used to have a pair of shoes like that.

Sue Keller—I bet she'll drive the same way - eyes closed.

Bob Isaacson — She still makes boys cry!

Jeff Heath — We'd rather see her walk than ride that fire engine.

Dick Schwab — I had one of those except it was a 1944 model.

Ted Peters — I think she's trying to convince him to go out and park with her.

Penny Estermeier — She still has those kind of fits when boys won't go along with her.

Paulette Dozier — Is it the Chief of the Fire Station?

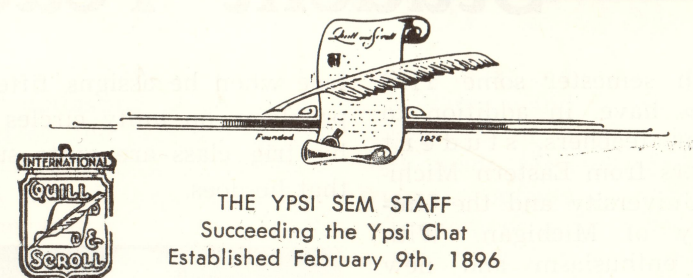
Jim Brien — Red car with a bell, must be Elyse.

Kathy Kirkpatrick — The boys couldn't figure her out then either.

Bonnie Kildau — She probably drove better then than she does now.

Lucy Anderson — I know why she's crying. She's got her fingernails caught in the steering wheel.

This is a picture of Sophomore Elyse Williams.

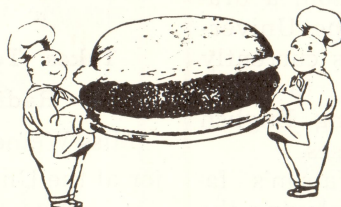


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COUNCIL CORNER

About sixty members of the YHS student body have ordered a new all-school sweater. The Council is interested in selling even more, however, some orders are still being taken. The following sales letter was written for the Student Council by a member of Miss Murray's Business English class.

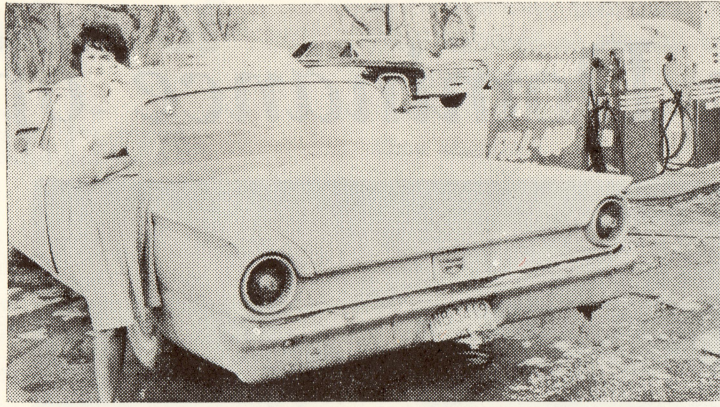
Students:

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Sincerely,

The Student Council

Five members of the Council attended the Huron-Rouge League Student Council meeting at Melvindale last Monday.



Heap of the Week

This "61" Ford is owned by Senior Priscilla McGuire. Its green interior is marked with various sayings written on the back seat in crayola and a distinct odor of stale lunches left in the car by "mistake." The exterior has acquired some scratches and dents, and the windows have been covered with soap. There isn't much that can be said about its accessories because it doesn't have any.

The heater works once in a while, and the radio (?) is never there. This car seems to magnetize itself to such varied places of amusement as Barhops, Burgerchief, Crane Road, S.A.E., Evans Scholars and Packard Road Apartment Houses. Although it's about the slowest thing on four wheels, it seems to attract some of the latest vehicles (and other objects) in sight. Thus, with all its forces of attraction, its color is best described as "magnetic green." And its passengers are just as green with wonder.

SO YOU DON'T LIKE IT?

An all-school participation column is going into effect in this issue. A question will be printed in each issue of the paper. On the same day that the paper comes out, you may clip the entry and place it in the Student Council Suggestion Box on the third floor or give it to a member of the Sem staff. Your entry will be tallied and the results of the poll will be announced in the next issue. Through this column we hope to aid all the students by making their opinions on many topics known.

This Week's Question

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Seniors Semifinalists In Miss JA Contest

Susan Keller and Janet Kemp, both Seniors, were among the five semi-finalists in the Miss Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan Contest. Sue and Janet went to Detroit last Saturday where they were interviewed. They were asked questions concerning their Junior Achievement Company and the benefits they receive from their participation in JA.

Sue and Janet are both members of the Capital Craft

Junior Achievement Company which meets every Tuesday night. This is their second year in JA. Janet was treasurer of Atsego Company last year and is now sales manager of Capital Craft.

Other Ypsilanti schools are well represented in the contest also. Linda Sherwood from St. John's was the winner. Cress Myers from Roosevelt, and Gay Williamson from Willow Run were the other semi-finalists.



SUE AND JANET show off some of the qualities that helped them to become semi-finalists in the Miss JA contest.

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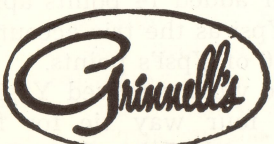
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Wrestlers Continue Dominance of Area

It was once said that a woman's work is never done but they forgot to add that wrestler's do not receive a rest either. At least not Ypsilanti High wrestlers.

During the long holiday lay-off, the matmen won two meets, took top honors at two tournaments, and lost one meet.

Top Thurston Without Pin

Warming up for the Garden City Invitational, the Ypsi grapplers defeated Thurston 24-14 without benefit of a pin. The Braves scored all eight of their wins by decisions.

Three Ypsi wrestlers entered the meet with perfect records. Charles Beatty, wrestling in the 95-pound class, stretched his record to five consecutive victories. Mike Bradley, at 154 pounds, decided Pete Maislese 9-0 to earn a 6-0 season mark. Tim Willibey ran up his sixth win with a 7-1 victory over Brian Stockton.

Roy Hunter, Randolph Brewer, Dave Hill, James Chance, and Randy Waterman posted Ypsi's other victories.

Loss to Sexton

In four years, Ypsi had lost only 3 dual meets. Number four came in the form of 23-19

defeat by Lansing Sexton. The meet also ended the perfect records of Tim Willibey and Dan Harvey. Willibey lost to Jim King 5-3 in the 180-pound weight class and he now has a 10-1 record. Charles Beatty and Mike Bradley continued their dominance in their respective weight classes. Beatty is now 10-0 while Bradley has an 11-0 record.

The loss brought Ypsi to a 3-2 dual meet record for the season.

Five Finish First

Ypsilanti High's wrestling team entered the Garden City Invitational with high hopes of placing the most wrestlers in the winning circle. The team scores were kept.

Eight teams entered the tournament. Traveling to Garden City were Ypsilanti High (3 dual wins, 1 loss), Thurston (3-1) Livonia Franklin (0-2) Livonia Bentley (1-1), Ann Arbor St. Thomas (0-2) and Wayne (3-1). Host Garden City had a 3-0 record.

Ypsi received top performances from Charles Beatty, Dan Harvey, Earl Gibbs, Mike Bradley, and Tim Willibey. All five captured individual crowns. The Braves scored three second place finishes, two thirds, and four fourths.



MIKE BRADLEY demonstrates one of the holds that has given him an undefeated season on Earl Gibbs. Bradley is 13-0 for the season while Charles Beatty has compiled a 12-0 record. —Photo Courtesy Ypsilanti Press

Sophs Place in Tourney

All season long, some of Ypsi's top performers have been first year men brought up to fill in the gaps opened by last year's graduation. It was these wrestler's that Coach Bert Waterman took to Flat Rock for the South Eastern Michigan Amateur Wrestling Association Novice tourney.

The tourney is for beginning or novice wrestlers only. Re-Tankers Grab Three Firsts

Capturing relatively few first places this season, Ypsilanti High's swimming team has recorded a 0-7 season record. Ypsi had their best meet against Belleville. The Tankers lost 72-33, but Ypsi won three first places. Terry Larson finished first in the backstroke and Larry Frost captured top honors in the breaststroke. The Braves medley relay quartet of Terry Larson, Mike Milford, Bill Clark, and Art Baker opened the meet with a victory.

Against Lansing Eastern, Ypsi won a single first place missing a second by an officials decision, in taking their seventh defeat, 81-24. Larry Frost finished first in the breaststroke.

The tanker's lost two other meets during the holiday lay-off. Edsel Ford defeated the Braves 82-23 and Adrian won 84-21.

ceiving first places for Ypsi Dan Harvey, John Pilotte, and Vince Heatlie, Mike Walton, a regular most of the season, finished second at 133 pounds.

Other medal winners were Dennis Penive, third at 138 pounds; Robert Williams, third at 154 pounds; and Mike Shaw, fourth at 133 pounds.

Ypsilanti claimed the most first places with its three wins. Ann Arbor and Thurston both won two each. The rest of the winners were split evenly between five different schools.

Melvindale, Wayne Fall; Netters Tied for First

by Gary Allen

By outlasting a last ditch effort on the part of Wayne, Ypsilanti High's Basketball team posted their sixth win of the season and their first league victory in defeating Wayne 72-67.

Mike Bass lead all acores with 26 points, his best effort of the season. Leo Kinsel added 11 points and Captain Ernie Slater was in double figures with 10 points.

Tonight's games match up the four leaders. Ypsilanti High is at Edsel Ford. Game time is 8 p.m.

Ypsi had to fight hard for their victory. They surprised

Ann Arbor Comes Out Second Best

Ypsi clashed head on with Ann Arbor but came off the mat with their fourth dual win of the season tucked under their belt. Charles Beatty won the 95-pound weight class with 9-3 decision over John Yablankly to get Ypsi off to a 3-0 lead. Ann Arbor jumped back with two quick decisions to move ahead 6-3 and it appeared that Ypsi was in for a rough night. But appearances are deceiving, as time proved, for the Braves won all the rest of the matches to post a 32-6 victory.

The surprise of the night was Heatlie's 3-2 win. Heatlie, who normally wrestles in the 145-pound weight class, was inserted into the line-up at heavy weight. Ann Arbor's heavy-weight weighed between 180-200 pounds. No one really expected Heatlie to last long with possible exception of the man who put him into wrestle, Coach Waterman. Maybe he knows something we don't!

TONIGHT
BASKETBALL
Lincoln Park
vs.
Ypsilanti Braves
(at Lincoln Park)
*** * ***
SWIMMING
Livonia vs.
Ypsilanti
(at YHS)

Netmen Win Two of Three: Place Fifth

Ypsi High entered a Christmas basketball tournament this year at Southfield High for the first time. Entered in the tournament along with Ypsi were Redford Union, Livonia Bentley, Highland Park, Farmington, Grosse Point, and Southfield.

Ypsi played well in the first game against Redford Union, but the Panthers' 6'7" center and guard scored 26 points apiece to lead their team to a 70-61 victory. Mike Bass led Ypsi scorers with 19 points. Ernie Slater hit for 12 points and Larry Brose accounted for 11 more.

Toples N. Farmington

Ypsi entered the second game with little enthusiasm since their loss to Redford Union knocked off all hopes of the championship.

In this North Farmington clash, Ernie Slater had his best night of the season with a 28 point effort in leading his team mates to a 76-39 victory. Coach Dale Nicholas played both regulars and reserves in the final quarter and Ypsi rang up its best quarter total of 25 points.

Edge Highland Park

The Braves entered the final game against Highland Park as a slight underdog. The game was to decide fifth

place in the tourney. No one would think that Ypsi was slated to lose though, as they came through in fine style to post their fifth victory by a 65-57 tally.

Coach Nicholas, pleased with the victory, said, "We had good balance, shot well, and didn't throw the ball away too much. This was the best team we've beaten this year."

Mike Bass led Ypsi with 17 points as Herb Francois and Ernie Slater each added 16.

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everyone by coming out in a zone defense and, taking good advantage of their height, they made Melvindale shoot from the outside.

The Braves should have had a wide margin in the score instead of the cliff-hanger they had. Ypsilanti High had 28 field goals to Melvindale's 19, an 18 point difference, but only won the game 59-55. It was at the free throw line that Melvindale cashed in. The Cardinals hit 17 of 24 free throws. The Braves hit only one of twelve from the charity line during the first half.

Mike Bass was the high scorer for Ypsi as he hit nine field goals for 18 points. Guards Don Jones and Ernie Slater added 14 points apiece for Ypsi as the trio accounted for 46 of Ypsi's points.

The victory moved Ypsi into a four way tie for first place with Lincoln Park, Dearborn, and Edsel Ford. The Braves with 189 points scored in league play, leads all teams in that division.